

2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity

15–16 September 2025

10th Anniversary Edition



Co-hosted by



UK Government



2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity (GFP) “Industrial strategies in a globalised world, which deliver for all”

15-16 September 2025, London, United Kingdom

AGENDA

Day 1 – 15 September

📍 Plaisterers' Hall, One London Wall, London, EC2Y 5JU

🕒 09:30 – 17:40 (BST)

09:30-09:50

High-level Opening of the Conference

09:50-10:30

Keynote Speaker: A new era of industrial policy

Professor Dame Diane Coyle, DBE

Bennett Professor of Public Policy, University of Cambridge

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Alain de Serres**, Acting Director, Economics Department, OECD

10:30-11:00

Break

11:00-12:20

Session 2: Industrial Policies for Business Investment

This session will discuss the key trends in business investment across economies, and how policy can foster business investment effectively. How can policy ensure that investment is used for the most productive purposes? How do structural shifts to digital and intangible assets affect investment and how can policy for intangible assets such as R&D tax credits, support growth?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Asa Johansson**, Deputy Director, Economics Department, OECD

Setting of the scene: **Bart van Ark**, Professor, The Productivity Institute, University of Manchester

Presentations:

- **Fred Perry CBE**, Director of Industrial Strategy Unit, Department for Business and Trade, UK
- **Filiz Unsal**, Head of the Structural Policy and Research Division, Economics Department, OECD
- **Yasuhiro Suzuki**, Deputy Director for International Economic Affairs, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

12:20-13:35

Provided Lunch

2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity

15–16 September 2025

10th Anniversary Edition



Co-hosted by



UK Government



13:35-14:20

Session 3: 10 years of the Global Forum on Productivity

Launch of the OECD book on the 10-year anniversary of the GFP. Speakers will reflect on achievements in productivity analysis and policies in the last 10 years, and existing gaps that will require future action.

Opening remarks: **Mathias Cormann**, Secretary-General, OECD

Chair: **Peter Gal**, Deputy Head of Division, Economics Department, OECD

Roundtable:

- **Dan Mawson**, Senior Economist, Department for Business and Trade, UK
- **Stefan Profit**, Deputy Director General, Economic Policy Department of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- **Steven Schwendt**, Director General of Strategy, Research and Results, Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Canada
- **Melissa Vega Monge**, Economist, Central Bank of Costa Rica

14:20-15:40

Session 4: Industrial Policies and Market Dynamism

Weakening market dynamism across developed economies since 2008 is a key concern for economic policy. How can industrial policy be pro-competition, and competition policy pro-growth? What challenges are there for co-ordinating industrial strategy, competition, and regulatory policy to support market dynamism and growth? How can policymakers balance competition with industrial policy goals and broader economic growth objectives?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Zebedee Nartey**, Deputy Director Analysis, Department for Business and Trade, UK

Setting of the scene: **Tomaso Duso**, Head of Department at DIW Berlin and Chairman of the German Monopolies Commission

Presentations:

- **Dorothee Rouzet**, Chief Economist, French Treasury
- **Paolo Quercia**, Director of Research and Analysis, Ministry of Industry and Made in Italy, Italy
- **Luke Rehill**, Economist, Department of Finance, Ireland

15:40-16:10

Break

16:10-17:30

Session 5: Industrial Policies in Practice Versus Theory

This session will discuss the purpose and scope of industrial policies, with an eye to identifying features that are shared by successful industrial policies. How can industrial policies be made more effective on the ground? How can governments get the best data and analysis to understand the impact of industrial policies, and how can international organisations and economic research best support industrial policy decision-making?

2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity

15–16 September 2025

10th Anniversary Edition



Co-hosted by



UK Government



Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Shravya Rao OBE**, Deputy Director for Economy and Strategic Analysis, Department for Business and Trade, UK

Presentations:

- **Joana Almodovar**, Head of Foresight and Public Policy, INESC TEC
- **Mike Keoghan**, Director of Economics, Ellison Institute of Technology, Oxford
- **Guy Lalanne**, Acting Head of Division – Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, OECD
- **Nathan Lane**, Associate Professor of Economics, Oxford University

17:30-17:40

Wrap Up

Ben Cropper, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Department of Business and Trade, UK

Evening Networking Reception

📍 Barbican Centre, Silk Street, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8DS

🕒 from 19:00 (BST), 15 September

Welcome remarks:

- **Gareth Davies**, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business and Trade, UK
- **Rodrigo Krell**, GFP Co-Chair and Chief Economist, National Commission for Evaluation and Productivity, Chile

Day 2 – 16 September

📍 Plaisterers' Hall, One London Wall, London, EC2Y 5JU

🕒 09:00 – 17:00 (BST)

09:00-09:15

Opening of Day 2 of the Conference

Jerry Sheehan, Director Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

09:15-10:15

Session 6: Industrial Policies in Place

This session will discuss the goals of place-based industrial policies. How can growth and industrial policy be more inclusive for places, including handling economic and industrial transitions? What are the best ways to make place-based industrial policies the most effective and successful in the long term, and what are the trade-offs between success at regional and the larger macroeconomic level?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Urvashi Parashar**, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, UK

2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity

15–16 September 2025

10th Anniversary Edition



Co-hosted by



UK Government



Setting of the scene: **Tony Venables**, Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford

Presentations:

- **Catherine de Fontenay**, Commissioner of the Productivity Commission, Australia
- **Nadim Ahmad**, Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

10:15-11:15

Session 7: Industrial Policies and Resilient Growth

The balance between national and foreign producers is central to current debates on industrial policy. Economies need resilience – but how much, and at what cost in terms of trade-offs? Industrial policies vary widely across countries and sectors, with important implications for the global economy. How can policymakers and research support global cooperation on national industrial policies for resilient growth?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Mame Fatou Diagne**, Head of Division, Economics Department, OECD

Presentations:

- **Roman Arjona**, Chief Economist, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- **Ben Cropper**, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Department for Business and Trade, UK
- **Meredith Crowley**, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge
- **Alain de Serres**, Acting Director, Economics Department, OECD

11:15-11:45

Break

11:45-13:00

Session 8: Industrial Policies and Sustainable Growth

This session will discuss how governments can drive forward the green transition and best focus green investment. Where should policymakers look at industrial capacity building for green technology, and where should policymakers balance this against existing comparative advantage and strengths? How can policymakers mobilise and coordinate private and public sector financing for green investment? Are there other policies targeting firms that can support the transition to net-zero, including for the reskilling and upskilling of the workforce?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Rodrigo Krell**, GFP Co-Chair and Chief Economist, National Commission for Evaluation and Productivity, Chile

Setting of the scene: **Carolyn Fischer**, Lead Economist, Development Research Group of the World Bank

2025 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity

15–16 September 2025

10th Anniversary Edition



Co-hosted by



UK Government



Presentations:

- **Donna Leong**, Chief Economist, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, UK
- **Martin Hronza**, Acting Director General, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
- **Hyun Moh Shin**, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Industrial Economics, South Korea

13:00-13:30

Closing of the Conference

Ben Cropper, Director of Analysis and Chief Economist, Department for Business and Trade, UK

Asa Johansson, Deputy Director, Economics Department, OECD

End of the Forum

13:30-15:00

Provided Lunch

15:00-17:00

Meeting of Member Country Productivity Commissions

Two roundtable panel sessions to discuss and share experiences among different productivity commission institutions. This session will explore the different set-ups and remits of the commissions, and the practicalities and logistics of how a commission operates. What are the steps a commission can take to positively impact policymaking, and what are the challenges and successes that have been experienced by the different commissions?

Chair and Q&A Moderator: **Jens Lundsgaard**, Deputy Director, Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate, OECD and **Dan Andrews**, Head of Division, Economics Department, OECD

Two roundtables:

- **Carlo Altomonte**, Professor of Economics of European Integration, Bocconi University (Italian Productivity Commission)
- **Greg Clark**, Member of the Industrial Strategy Advisory Council, UK
- **Catherine de Fontenay**, Commissioner of the Productivity Commission, Australia
- **Juan Francisco Jimeno**, Adviser, Bank of Spain (Productivity Council, Spain)
- **Rodrigo Krell**, GFP Co-Chair and Chief Economist, National Commission for Evaluation and Productivity, Chile
- **Alessandro Turrini**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Financial and Economic Affairs, European Commission
- **Bart van Ark**, Professor, The Productivity Institute, University of Manchester